

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION  
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

Held on Friday, January 17, 2014, at 2 p.m.  
in the Norman D. Hébert, LL.D. Meeting Room  
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

**PRESENT**

Voting members: Dr. A. Shepard (*Chair*); Prof. A. Agarwal; Prof. M. O. Ahmad; Prof. A. Akgunduz; Dr. B.-A. Bacon; Me P. Blais; Prof. P. Caignon; Prof. S. Carliner; Dr. G. Carr; Prof. J. Chaikelson; Prof. S. Chlopan; Prof. R. Courtemanche; Prof. J. Didur; Prof. D. Douglas; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Prof. L. Dyer; Mr. J. Fiset; Prof. M. Frank; Prof. J. Garrido; Ms. J. Glavina; Prof. J. Grant; Dean S. Harvey; Ms. W. Kraus-Heitmann; Ms. K. Korola; Ms. M. Lemieux; Prof. G. Leonard; Dean B. Lewis; Dean J. Locke; Prof. C. Moore; Prof. D. Morris; Ms. H. Nazar; Prof. C. Nikolenyi; Prof. H. Proppe; Prof. R. Reilly; Mr. M. Richardson; Mr. L. Sanscartier; Prof. J. Segovia; Prof. Y. Shayan; Prof. T. Stathopoulos; Mr. C. Tisshaw; Ms. K. Trowell; Dean C. Trueman; Mr. J. T. Vaccaro; Ms. M. Wheeler; Prof. M. L. Wholey; Dean C. Wild; Mr. T. Wilkings; Dean P. Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Ms. J. Beaudoin; Mr. P. Beauregard; Mr. R. Côté; Me B. Freedman; Mr. P. Kelley; Ms. R. Marion; Ms. S. Sarik

Permanent observers: Mr. G. Morrow; Dr. L. Ostiguy

**ABSENT**

Voting members: Dr. G. Beaudry; Ms. E. Couto; Prof. I. Dostaler; Prof. N. Ingram; Prof. C. Jackson; Mr. M. Kumar

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Shepard at 2:06 p.m.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2014-1-1 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda of the Open Session be approved.*

1.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of December 6, 2013

R-2014-1-2 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of December 6, 2013 be approved.*

2. Business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda

There was no business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda.

3. President's remarks

The President reported that enrolments for the term are stable. He recently hosted two community breakfasts, one on each campus, which were well attended and provided him the opportunity to meet with students, faculty and staff.

With respect to the engagement between government and the University's senior administration, the University will be presenting its memoire before the National Assembly Commission examining the draft Charter of Secular Values (Bill 60) on January 23. Provost Bacon and Vice-President, Services Côté will be presenting the University's brief and responding to questions.

Moreover, discussions are ongoing with the government regarding the \$1.8 billion reinvestment between 2013 and 2019. Dr. Shepard confirmed that the 5% cut to last year's budget, representing \$13.2 million, is permanent. The University will be able to recuperate up to \$11.9 million in 2014/2015 via the submission of proposals in 5 or 6 categories, and the funds received will have to be accounted in those specific envelopes.

The President noted that an error of interpretation regarding Concordia's graduation rate published by *La Presse* on January 3 had been corrected via a full page retraction on January 7.

He concluded his remarks by highlighting some events held on campus as well as some awards and accomplishments of Concordia faculty and students.

4. Standing Committee reports

Standing Committee reports are provided for information.

4.1 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

The Committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

4.2 Finance Committee (Document US-2014-1-D1)

4.3 Library Committee (Document US-2014-1-D2)

There were no questions in connection with the above reports.

#### 4.4 Research Committee

The Committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

#### 5. Update on Academic Plan (Document US-2014-1-D3)

Dr. Bacon summarized the highlights of his written report.

#### CONSENT

#### 6. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2014-1-D4)

##### 6.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science – School of Community and Public Affairs (Document US-2104-1-D5)

R-2014-1-3 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts of Science outlined in Document US-2014-1-D5 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-1-D4.*

##### 6.2 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Document US-2014-1-D6)

R-2014-1-4 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science outlined in Document US-2014-1-D6 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-1-D4.*

##### 6.3 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts – Department of Art History (Document US-2014-1-D7)

R-2014-1-5 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts outlined in Document US-2014-1-D7 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-1-D4.*

#### 6.4 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science

##### 6.4.1 Department of Applied Human Sciences (Documents US-2014-1-D8 and D9)

##### 6.4.2 Department of Political Science (Document US-2014-1-D10)

R-2014-1-6 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science outlined in Documents US-2014-1-D8 to D10 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-1-D4.*

#### 6.5 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

##### 6.5.1 All Engineering and Computer Science Masters' programs (Document US-2014-1-D11)

##### 6.5.2 Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (Document US-2014-1-D12)

R-2014-1-7 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science outlined in Documents US-2014-1-D11 and D12 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-1-D4.*

6.6 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business – Master of/Magisteriate in Business Administration (Executive Option) (Document US-2014-1-D13)

R-2014-1-8 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business outlined in Document US-2014-1-D13 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-1-D4.*

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7. Adoption of the Policy on Research Units and Infrastructure Platforms (Document US-2014-1-D14)

Dr. Carr noted that while two documents formed part of the documentation, the procedures were presented for information and only the Policy requires Senate's approval. He summarized the review process which began in the Spring 2013. The modifications were reviewed by the Research Committee three times, the Office of the General Counsel and were also circulated to the faculty/school councils for comments.

Dr. Carr said that the Policy recognizes the increasing importance of the role that research centres play in the University. He underlined the need for bodies within the University that can foster and nurture the critical mass of activity as well as an organized structure at the governance level. He identified the key changes and responded to questions.

R-2014-1-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Research Committee, Senate approve the revisions to the Policy on Research Units (VPRGS-8), renamed Policy on Research Units and Infrastructure Platforms (VPRGS-8).*

8. Question period

There were no questions.

9. Other business

There was no other business to bring before Senate.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 14, 2014, at 2 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



Danielle Tessier  
Secretary of Senate